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## **NEWS RELEASE**

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS** will be available Monday, November 15 for the city runoff election which will be held on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 for the voters of the city of Cedar Falls. All polling place locations will open at 7:00 am and close at 8:00 pm.

The courthouse will be open for early voting starting Monday, November 15 through Monday, November 29 for all Cedar Falls precincts. The Election Office is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and regular courthouse hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

The courthouse will be closed Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

A petition was received and accepted for satellite voting to be held at Cedar Falls Christian Church located at 2727 W Fourth St., Cedar Falls. Satellite voting will be held Saturday, November 20 from 9 am to 3 pm. Satellite voting will be open to all Cedar Falls residents.

If you have already requested to have an absentee ballot mailed to you, that ballot will be mailed out on November 15. You can track your absentee ballot at <a href="https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/absenteeballotstatus/absentee/search">https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/absenteeballotstatus/absentee/search</a>

Pre-paid return postage is provided for all ballots returned by mail to the Election Office. A mailed ballot must be returned to the Elections Office by 8:00 pm on election day, November 30, to be counted. The Black Hawk County drop box will be open and available for those wishing to return their completed ballot in person. Ballots received after 8:00 pm on election day cannot be counted.

The *Code of Iowa* provides that persons who are admitted to a Health Care Facility (HCF) within three days of an election; Saturday, Sunday, Monday (and Election Day) may make a request by telephone to the Election Office and an absentee ballot will be delivered to them. On Election Day the telephone request must be made at least four hours prior to the close of polls. These ballots will be personally delivered to the voter at the HCF by two election officials who will assist the voter in voting (if requested) and return the sealed, voted ballot to the Election Office to be counted on Election Day.

Absentee ballots **MAY NOT** be turned in at a polling place except to be surrendered and voided, in which case the voter would vote in person at their precinct. Persons who did not receive or have lost their absentee ballot will be provided the option of voting a provisional ballot.

**ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION** A person who is eligible to register for voting and to vote, may do so on Election Day by appearing in person at the polling place for the precinct in which the individual resides. The voter must complete a voter registration application, make written oath and provide acceptable proof of both identity and residence. The most common example of an acceptable form of identity and residence is an lowa driver's license that is not expired and represents the voter's address in the precinct on Election Day.

**VOTING ON ELECTION DAY ALL VOTERS** are required to provide proof of identity at the polls, typically by an lowa driver's license. If you do not have an lowa driver's license or a state-provided ID card with a four-digit PIN, please contact the Election Office.

Questions may be directed to the Election Office: telephone number 833-3007, email address election@blackhawkcounty.iowa.gov, location 316 E 5<sup>th</sup> St, Courthouse – Room 210, Waterloo, 50703.